

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-26, 34-39 and 45-48 now stand in the present application, claims 2-5, 6-8, 12, 14-18, 21-22, 24, 26, 34 and 45 having been amended and claims 1 and 27-33 having been canceled. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 45-48 but respectfully submit that in view of the above-described amendments that all of the claims now standing in the case are in condition for allowance.

More particularly, allowable claim 45 has been rewritten in independent form and dependent claims 2-5, 7, 8, 12, 14-18 and 21-22 have been amended to depend therefrom. Accordingly, claim 45 and claims 2-23 and 46-48 are believed to be in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency directly or indirectly from allowable rewritten independent claim 45.

In addition, independent claims 24, 26 and 34 have been further amended to include the same or similar features which were present in allowable claim 45. Thus, claim 24 has been amended to further recite that the data is remotely mixed such that between periods when data is being mixed, there are quiet intervals during which data is not being mixed. A similar amendment has been made to independent claim 34. Claim 26 has been amended to include the identical features of claim 45 which were deemed to be allowable in this case. Accordingly, these additional independent claims 24, 26 and 34, and their respective dependent claims 25 and 35-39 are also believed to

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be in condition for allowance. Finally, rejected claims 27-33 have been canceled in order to expeditiously place this case in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 2-26, 34-39 and 45-48 now standing in the case be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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